

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 11, as follows:

Drive pin 20 has a substantially cylindrical shank 28 having a head 26 on one end and a ~~ballistic~~ an ogival-shaped (i.e., ballistic or bullet-shaped) tip 40 on the other end. Ballistic tip 40 is configured to penetrate material 22 and framing member 24 under force of the automatic nailer. To accomplish this, ballistic tip 40 is preferably bullet shaped. This shape allows ballistic tip 40 to pierce framing member 22 and create an opening therein substantially equal to base diameter 30 of shank 28 with minimal tearing and deformation. This provides an appropriate substantially cylindrical "clean" opening suited for the formation of threads (discussed hereinafter).